

2006 Fire Prevention Parade

*Manchester NH Fire Department
October 8, 2006*

This year Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 8th through October 14th. The theme for this year's campaign is "Watch What You Heat".

In 2003, cooking equipment was involved in 118,700 reported home structure fires, the largest share for any major cause. In addition to the 118,700 home structure fires involving cooking equipment, there were an estimated 3,700 reported outdoor home grill fires in 2003. In 2003, cooking equipment structure fires in homes resulted in 250 civilian deaths, 3,880 civilian injuries, and \$512 million in direct property damage. The leading factor in home cooking fires is equipment unattended, followed by combustibles too close to heat source and unintentionally turning on or not turning off the device. Portable cooking or warming devices rank third among cooking device groups.

<http://www.nfpa.org/assets/files/MbrSecurePDF/cookingfull.pdf>



time for the parade is **12 o'clock** noon from the assembly point at Elm and Webster Streets. The parade will include all types of modern and antique fire apparatus. The parade route will begin at the Amoskeag Bridge and proceed southerly on Elm Street, terminating at Fire Department Headquarters, Merrimack and Pine Streets.

Plans call for an old fashioned firemen's muster, apparatus show and "firematic" flea market at the conclusion of the parade. The public is cordially invited to attend. Questions regarding this event may be directed to the Manchester Fire Department, Fire Prevention Bureau: 669-2256 x3400.

The Manchester Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau and Manchester Fire Prevention Committee offer the following fire safety tips:

* **Be fire safe in the kitchen.** Keep appliances clean, don't leave cooking unattended, use extreme caution when cooking where children are present.

* **Install Smoke Detectors.** Smoke detectors should be installed in all sleeping areas and on all levels of the common areas of your home. Remember, only a *working* smoke detector can protect you!

* **Make an escape plan.** Develop a plan for escaping in the event of a fire. These plans should include two escape routes out, a meeting place for the family to gather when everyone's out of the building, and the nearest phone to call the Fire Department.

* **Keep matches and lighters out of the reach of small children.** Matches and lighters are dangerous tools in the hands of small children. A large majority of fires every year are caused by children misusing matches and lighters.

The Manchester Fire Department will kick off "Fire Prevention Week" with New England's largest parade of fire apparatus on **Sunday, October 8, 2006**. Starting